

Gilbert PTO Meeting
September 5, 2017
Location: Gilbert Middle School

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm.

Role call: Beth Richards (PTO P), Molly Neal-Wong (PTO-VP), Erin Roche, Jessica Kvach, Amanda Robinson, Sunde Nesbit (PTO S), Emily Olson (PTO-OAL), Mike Danilson (Middle School)

B. Richards welcomed everyone and called the PTO meeting to order.

B. Richards reported on tentative finances for the year. We have approximately \$25,000 in account.

Mr. Danilson introduced the middle school's "Tiger Time":

- Rationale for Designated Time
 - Delivery of interventions- state law requires reading and math (for at-risk or persistently at-risk)
 - Prior to this point, it was catching them as they could
 - Now, scheduled into period
- Priority Options (as needed)
 - Intensive reading
 - Intensive math
 - Decoding and spelling
 - Social/academic skills (organization, test anxiety, making/keeping friends, anger management)
 - Later will have data for teachers and parents to refer also
- Other options
 - Genius hour (individualized project)
 - Current events
 - Sustained silent reading
 - Extended learning program
- Schedule
 - 8-week switches
 - kids in priority groups will get preferred option at least once
 - potential others to be added (coding, music theory, book club)
 - 3 times/week (M,T,R); W,F - study hall or reteach
 - On reteach days, teachers can "request" kids. Can provide time for kids to get essential content. If kids not requested, then time for work completion

Request for Funds:

- Iowa Wild Character Counts event-\$125
- approved funds unanimously

Past Activities:

- E. Olson reported back on the school supply kits. She indicated that the company we chose was useful, other company wasn't able to follow through on deliveries. 251 kits sold, 23 of them were extra items. Our profit was \$975. Very few problems; she wants to do it next year. Mr. Danilson asked how the middle school could get involved. Olson indicated future plans:
 - different language for marketing
 - communicate with teachers to find out whether supply increased/decreased/stay the same
 - contact families as orders are placed if there's a question about their order (i.e. ordered the requested kit but not the required)
- B. Richards reported that back-to-school socials went well at intermediate and elementary schools.
- School board candidate forum went well, positive feedback from people. Reminder to vote on September 12.

Current/Upcoming Activities:

- Reminder for major saver cards. The target this year is to pay for iPads for the elementary school. There was a suggestion that GEF should advertise where money is going.
- Carnival will be held on October 21.
 - E. Olson discussed raffle/silent auction and requests to local businesses.
 - Agreed to purchase Lego set and an American Girl doll for raffle items.
 - Discussed how to phrase fundraising letter. Discussed levels to provide flat options for donations.
 - Discussed options for catering to supplement the concession stand.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- High school conference meal coordinator
- Supply closet coordinator for middle and high schools
- Carnival volunteers

Other Discussion Items:

- M. Neal-Wong discussed t-shirt sales, and some of the pros and cons of a new company.
- E. Olson relayed that she will contact Mrs. Kobliska to push kids art work as fundraiser for spring 2017.

Meeting adjourned 8:50 pm.